



DELEGATION BILL

Blocks the Way to the Consideration of the Treaty.

OBJECTIONS RAISED

To the Clause Instructing Members to Confer With the Proper Authorities for the Passage of the Act "Without Amendment."

The allotment bill, which after being sidetracked for several weeks in the offices of Indian Inspector J. George Wright and the Dawes commission, was reported safely arrived in Washington, has encountered another obstruction on its rocky road in the interior department.

The bill providing for a delegation to Washington is the new obstruction, or at least one clause of it is.

Remembering the mineral clause which was injected in the treaty, which was defeated last year, the national council inserted in the bill providing for the sending of a delegation to Washington a clause instructing the delegation to stand for the passage of the present bill "without amendment."

This clause did not meet with the approval of the department officials, and as a consequence both measures have been held up, pending a correction of the delegation bill.

Chief Buffington will bring the matter before the council, during the extra session, which has been called for March 4th.

It has been intimated by the department officials that if the obnoxious clause is removed, the delegation will be received and the proposed treaty taken under consideration.

The department insists that the delegation be sent to confer with the proper authorities uninstructed.

It is anticipated by the chief that the clause carrying the instruction will be stricken out by the council, and the delegation allowed to proceed to Washington, as directed by the department.

The delay in sending the delegation will in no way retard action on the treaty measure, as the troubles of the Choctaws, Chickasaws and Creeks are scheduled for hearing before the Cherokee allotment bill will be taken up.

No change will be made in the personnel of the delegation, the department especially approving of the sending of representatives of the fullblood element.

Bill for Territory Court.

Representative Densmore, of Arkansas, has introduced a bill in congress providing for the establishment of a court of common pleas in the Indian territory.

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's honey and tar. Peoples drug store.

OUTLAWS KILLED.

Suspected Murderers of Oklahoma Sheriffs Slain by Officers.

A fight occurred yesterday between Oklahoma officers and the band of outlaws that killed Sheriffs Smith and Beck at Anadarko, a month ago. As a result one of the outlaws, Walter Swoford is dead and Deputy Sheriff W. A. Jones of Asher, O. T., is seriously wounded. The snow enabled a posse under Sheriff Milner of Shawnee, O. T., to trail the outlaws to an isolated house south of Wewoka. As the posse approached the outlaws, three in number, came from the house and opened fire on the officers. The fire was returned and for several minutes the battle waged. Deputy Jones was shot by Swoford, who had opened the fight. When Jones fell the officers turned their attention to Swoford, and he was pierced by several bullets, and killed instantly. After the battle had continued several minutes longer the other two outlaws, Sam Casey and Bill Watson, surrendered. Watson is said to be a fugitive from Kentucky on a murder charge. Offers of \$9,000 of rewards for the capture of the three men were outstanding.

BLAZE AT CLAREMORE.

United States Commissioner's Office Destroyed with all its Records.

A fire which started early yesterday morning in the building of Pat Foley Mercantile Co. at Claremore, totally destroyed the building and stock of the firm before the flames could be controlled.

In the same building was the office of United States Commissioner Jennings, which was entirely consumed together with all the records.

The loss of the Foley Mercantile Co. is estimated at \$17,000, with \$11,000 insurance.

The commissioners office was on the second floor of the building and had been used for a meeting of the commercial club the night before. A fire was left burning in the stove, from which it is supposed in some way, the room became ignited.

FIRE FIGHTERS

Are Enthusiastic over Arrival of Their "Machine."

The new fire engine in all of its burnished glory, is safely housed today in its temporary quarters in Raine's livery barn.

The "machine" is a beautiful example of mechanical ingenuity, and has an efficient appearance. The fire ladders are very much pleased, with its appearance, and are looking forward to the first "run," to "try her out." A meeting of the fire department has been called by Chief Ridenhour for Monday night, when the time for division drills will be announced. Mr. Hutchings, representative of the company from whom the engine was purchased, will remain here to instruct the company in handling the engine until they become proficient.

Appropriation Bill Passed

The house has passed the Indian appropriation bill, practically in its original form. But a few unimportant amendments were attached to it before passage.

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Dates for Hearings Set by Dawes Commission.

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—The following Cherokee doubtful cases have been set for hearing MARCH 20, 1902.

May Still et al.
Wiley Burton McElhanev et al.
Rhoda A Sanders.
Robert L Brackett.
Jesse D Ham.
Liddie S Thompson.
Charles Teehe et al.
Manuel Spencer et al.
Martha Miller et al.
Benjamin F Palmour et al.
Virginia S DeLozier.
Benjamin H Hulbert.
Rosa Miller et al.
Martha Tidwell.
James Brown.
Susan A E Foreman et al.
Emma Catron et al.
Ella Hall.
Harnage Bacon et al.
David E Whitaker.
Zada Drew.
Nannie Rogers.
Joseph S Craig.
Julia E Setser.
Johnsana D McKelvy et al.
Silas D Payne.
Richard M Locker et al.
Arthur Blair et al.
Andrew Willis et al.
Hugh M Hays et al.
Don Akins.
Margaret A Stewart et al.
Henry Webster.
Callie Ridge et al.
John E Carter.
Alvie Henson.
Carrie A Collins.
Lizzie Rodgers et al.

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